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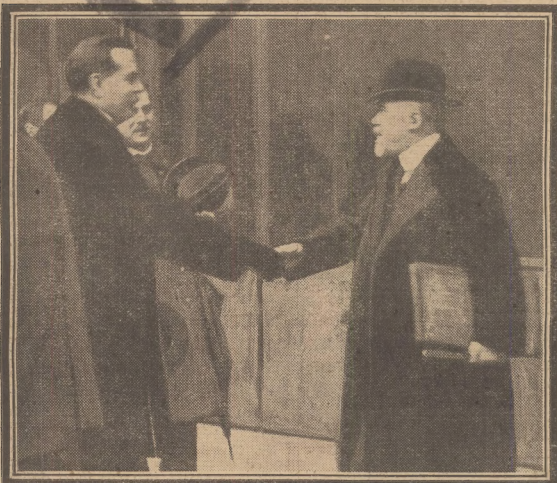
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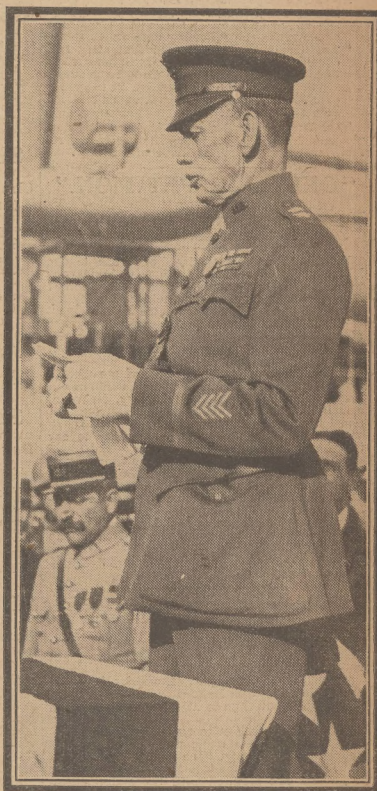
FRENCH ARMY MAY MOVE TO RUHR TO-MORROW



M. Poincaré, the French Premier, greeted by a friend as he leaves a prolonged sitting of the Cabinet held at the Elysée.

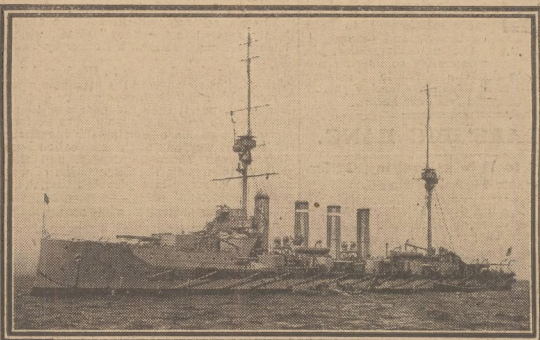


Dr. Wirth, ex-Chancellor of Germany, addressed a great mass meeting at Cologne, which protested against "the French terror."



General Henry T. Allen, commander of the American troops on the Rhine, has held a hastily-summoned conference of his staff.

ARMoured CRUISER FOR THE BREAKERS



H.M. armoured cruiser Shannon, which has been the flagship of three cruiser squadrons, has been sold to a Scottish firm to be broken up on the Clyde. She was launched in 1906 at Chatham.



Marshal Foch has prepared the plans for the occupation of the Ruhr.

COLLAPSE OF WOUNDED MAN AND GIRL



Samuel Danaher, of Walthamstow. Ellen Winifred Reed, aged nineteen. Samuel Danaher and Miss Reed, the man and girl who, with serious throat wounds, walked into Whipp's Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, and collapsed, on Saturday night, were stated yesterday to be progressing satisfactorily.



French troops in the occupied zone getting ready for the order to advance.

If the Reparations Commission declares to-day the voluntary default of Germany regarding coal deliveries, "it appears certain," said Reuter yesterday, "that France will not wait until January 15 to seize guarantees." The further occupation of Germany, it seems, may in that event take place at any time after to-day. The Belgians, it is understood, will march too.

ILFORD LOVERS TO DIE TO-DAY.

Mr. Bridgeman Says That Decision Must Stand.

MIDNIGHT APPEAL.

Service To Be Held Outside Pentonville This Morning.

At nine a.m. to-day Mrs. Thompson at Holloway Gaol and Frederick Bywaters at Pentonville will be hanged for the murder of the woman's husband at Ilford.

A dramatic eleventh-hour effort to secure postponement of the execution of Mrs. Thompson ended in failure to-day night. The Home Office made the following announcement:—"The Home Secretary states that after full consideration of all the representations made to him, he regrets that he finds no grounds for departing from his decision in the cases of Frederick Edward Bywaters and Edith Jessie Thompson."

Mrs. Bywaters had a pathetic farewell interview with her son at Pentonville yesterday, remaining with him for an hour and a half.

"ONLY A REPETITION."

Home Secretary's Comment on Alleged Confession by Bywaters.

Details of a dramatic last-hour rush to the Home Secretary's country house to endeavour to secure the postponement of the execution of Mrs. Edith Thompson was told yesterday by Mr. E. A. Stern, M.P.

"It was only when I saw in a Sunday paper about Bywaters' confession that I got on the telephone to the paper and asked them if it were true," he said.

"They told me it was, and asked me what I was going to do. I said that if I could reach Mr. Bridgeman, the Home Secretary, I should, and then they told me he was in Shropshire, and I thought I could chance it."

"Finally, I got the Home Secretary to say that he would consider the matter."

"I sent a telegram to the Home Secretary at Ministerial which never reached him, but I got a car at Shrewsbury and drove to his house, getting there at 11 p.m., when it was in darkness."

"After a little time one of Mr. Bridgeman's sons came down, and I eventually saw the Home Secretary himself."

"Mr. Bridgeman had not seen the paragraph, and I handed him a copy."

"NOTHING TO GAIN."

"He then remarked: 'This is only a repetition of what Bywaters has already stated, and which has been disbelieved.'"

"I pointed out that Bywaters was on trial when he made his statement previously; but now he had nothing to gain."

"I said that it was quite inconceivable that a man who was to be hanged in less than forty-eight hours would go to his doom with a lie on his lips."

"I did not ask him to reprieve Mrs. Thompson. I asked him if he would postpone the execution for a short time so that further inquiries could be made into the matter, and that if he was not satisfied with the statement as published by Bywaters, that he should send one of his officers to see Bywaters at the gaol."

Mr. Stern did not expect by relatives, himself would receive any communication concerning Mrs. Thompson's fate from the Home Secretary."

Mrs. Bywaters yesterday denied the report that during the interview between herself and other visitors and her son in Pentonville Prison on Saturday, Bywaters made any confession.

"Freddie," she stated, "has always declared that he left Mr. Thompson standing up in the road. He says it was a matter of self-defence, and that nobody knows what happened afterwards."

LAST INTERVIEW.

Mrs. Bywaters saw her son for the last time yesterday. She arrived at Pentonville Prison at 2.30 p.m., accompanied by relatives.

The little party drove up in a taxicab and the mother presented a pathetic spectacle as she walked inside the prison gates with bowed head. She remained with her son for an hour and a half. Eventually she took her departure in a motor-car.

Mrs. Bywaters was much affected by the interview, and as the car drove rapidly away she was weeping bitterly.

The League of Intercession have arranged to hold a short intercessory service outside Pentonville Prison this morning at the time appointed for Bywaters' execution.

Prison Vigil.—A group of people, composed mostly of women, stood outside Holloway Gaol yesterday discussing the chances of an eleventh-hour reprieve. Some remained till long after the official announcement of the failure of Mr. Stern's last move on Mrs. Thompson's behalf had been made.

BERWICK ELECTION PETITION.

Mr. Hilton Philpott, who was elected M.P. for Berwick at the General Election, was yesterday served with a copy of the petition presented against his return on behalf of Mr. R. C. Bosanquet and Brigadier-General B. F. Widdington, voters in the division.

The petition alleges breaches of various sections of the Corrupt Practices Acts by both the respondent and his election agent.

MISSING WOMAN.

Chief Officer's Wife Not Seen for Four Months.

BARRICADED MAN.

The police have satisfied themselves that there is no suspicion of foul play in connection with the disappearance of Mrs. Alice Hilda Middleton, of Hampstead, and are convinced that they will be able to trace her.

Information should be sent to New Scotland Yard or police stations.

Mrs. Middleton, a good-looking woman, appearing considerably younger than her years, is said to be a well-known follower of racing.

She is well known in Hampstead and Park-road, Marylebone, and she has friends at East-cote (Middlesex) and Horsham (Sussex), the latter place of which she is a native. Her maiden name was Durrant.

At the instance of the sister of the missing woman, police officers called at a house, the resident of which barricaded himself in.

Addressing them through a window at the back, he said he had taken this course to keep out the bailiffs, and he was able to satisfy the officers that he had seen nothing of Mrs. Middleton since her disappearance on August 15.

SUNDAY GAMES FIGHT.

Church Out to Reverse Ruling of L.C.C., Says the Rev. F. B. Meyer.

"The next round in the fight against Sunday games and the London County Council will be much heavier; the Church lost the first round, but this time she is out to win," declared the Rev. F. B. Meyer, D.D., minister of Christ Church, Westminster Bridge-road, last night at Nottingham.

"It has been found that schools and churches are adversely affected by the County Council's new regime," he added.

"Crime and divorce are on the increase, and it is for the Church to put up a fight and realise her strength."

SUICIDE AT THIRTEEN.

Boy Shoots Himself Dead Rather Than Go Back to School.

The thirteen-year-old son of Mr. Robert Somerville, manager of Bankton Colliery, Preston-park, East Lothian, refused to return to school yesterday after the Christmas holidays, remarking that he would shoot himself first.

He then went into a backyard and shot himself dead with a revolver.

SHOT IN LONDON HOTEL.

Former Headmaster Found with Head Wound in His Bedroom.

A man aged forty to fifty, who gave the name of Otto Bowman, was found yesterday in his bedroom at the Belgravia Hotel, Grosvenor-gardens, S.W., with a bullet wound in his temple. By his side was a five-chambered revolver.

He was taken to St. George's Hospital, where last night he was in a critical condition.

About five months ago Mr. Bowman was headmaster of a high school at Brentwood, Essex.

BULLOCKS RUN AMOK.

Two People Hurt During Dash Down Caledonian Road.

Two bullocks yesterday ran amok in the Caledonian-road while being taken from the cattle market, where they had been sold to a Stoke Newington butcher.

The animals, infuriated by the noise of the traffic, lowered their horns and ran at a great pace, scattering everyone in their way.

Women and children screamed and men ran in all directions. Traffic was stopped, and the trams were used as places of refuge.

By the time the bullocks had nearly reached King's Cross great crowds had collected there. The gateway of a dairy utensil manufacturing firm happened to be open, and the bullocks made for the yard. Mr. Ferry, foreman of the company, met the full force of the onslaught and was badly lamed. The animals were barred in the yard and were slaughtered.

A Mrs. Johnson, aged seventy-three, was injured on the right shoulder.

84 WEDS 21.

Winsome Bride Married at Register Office to Octogenarian.

Much interest was shown in a wedding at Chesterfield Register Office yesterday.

The bridegroom is eighty-four years of age, and the bride, who is described as winsome, only recently attained her twenty-first birthday.

WALKING-STICK DEATH.

While Mr. Ernest Purton, Gordon Lodge, Dover, was walking in Castle-street, Dover, yesterday, his stick caught in the railings of a area, into which he fell and sustained fatal head injuries.

RENT RESTRICTION.

Committee Rush to Come to Early Decision.

MORE SUBSIDIES?

By Our Political Correspondent.

A big attempt is to be made by the Rent Restriction Committee, of which Lord Onslow is the chairman, to speed up its deliberations this week.

It will meet to-day and sit to-morrow, Thursday and Friday.

The Rent Act expires in June, and as it is understood to be the intention of the Government to continue the Act in some form or other for at least another year, it will be necessary to draft the necessary legislation at an early date in order that it may be passed in the forthcoming session, which opens on February 13.

Two other Committees, on the housing question are meanwhile at work. These are—

The Cabinet Committee on Housing, presided over by Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen.

The small Committee appointed by the Prime Minister which is considering the House of Lords' decision that increases of rent are illegal unless notice to quit has been given.

An additional reason for accelerating the deliberations of the Rent Restriction Committee is the fact that it is closely connected with, and must largely bear upon, the Cabinet's housing policy.

Whether the Government will revert to the subsidising of houses, as hinted at by Mr. Bonar Law in his speech to the deputation of unemployed at Glasgow, or whether the Government will be made of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act by so amending it as to provide for assistance in respect of houses yet to be built, remains to be seen.

NEW BOXING RULES.

Corbett Dedicates His Revised Code to President Roosevelt.

His new boxing rules, named after the late President Roosevelt, will be broadcast from Newark, N.J., to-night by James J. Corbett—

"Gentleman Jim"—says a New York message.

Noted sporting writers and experts will listen-in and record their opinions afterwards. The new code provides for the establishment of eight different classes, and proposes to do away with the use of two judges to assist the referee, re-establishing the one-referee system as being far more satisfactory to both contestants and patrons.

Corbett declares that his reasons for so naming the new rules is to dedicate them to Theodore Roosevelt as the most illustrious boxing patron that the sporting world has ever known.

BURGLARS' BIG BANG.

Vain Effort to Rob a Booking Office—Sussex Mansion Fired.

Burglars made a lurid job of their attack on a railway booking office at Addiewell, West Calder, Midlothian. They—

Fired a cloud of gunpowder to make a breach in the building.

Sawed away the wooden walls beneath the window to make a way for transporting the safe into a field.

But the booking office caught fire, and the bang of the explosion attracted the attention of the police, and all that the burglars could take was tobacco, and that they had to drop in their haste to avoid capture.

Coombe Place, Bolney, Sussex, the residence of Captain Davies, was set on fire through burglars leaving a candle burning in the study, a number of valuable pictures being destroyed.

ARSENIC IN FOOD.

Conference of Public Analysts to Hold Inquiry.

Arising out of the recent discovery of the unsuspected presence of arsenic in foods, the Society of Public Analysts is organising a conference, in conjunction with the Society of Chemical Industry, for January 17, on "The detection and determination of small quantities of arsenic," says the "Chemical Age."

The discussion will be conducted in private.

NEW WORLD FLIGHT.

Sir Keith Smith, who arrived at Liverpool yesterday from New York, stated that he hoped to make a start on his world flight at the end of April. He will use a Viking machine.

HARNESSING THE GRAMPIONS.

Harnessing the Grampian watersheds to provide electrical power for Mid-Scotland will shortly be commenced, the capital having already been found, it was stated last night.

The eventual electrification of the Highland Railway is also under consideration.

"TOY" PISTOL'S POWER TO KILL.

New Tests with Weapon Bought Without Licence.

EVASION OF ACT?

2in. Book Nearly Pierced at 12in. Range.

Further experiments with the "toy" pistols, purchased without a licence from a London store by *The Daily Mirror*, have proved that they are even more dangerous than was at first anticipated.

It will be remembered that after removing the metal plug in the barrel, a small piece of steel, fired with one of the blank cartridges sold with the "toy," penetrated a wad of paper an inch thick at point blank range. Yesterday Mr. Churchill, official tester to the Home Office, nearly pierced a 2-inch thick telephone directory at the foot range with blank cartridge and a lead pellet.

This is sufficient power to kill a man. The "toys," made in Germany, are stated to be an evasion of the Firearms Act.

PLUG AND THE ACT.

How Clause Is Said To Be Evaded by Insertion of Metal Partition.

At the request of *The Daily Mirror* Mr. Churchill, of Agar-street, the official tester of firearms and explosives for the Home Office and Scotland Yard, made further experiments yesterday with a "toy" pistol from which the plug had been removed.

He loaded it with the No. 1 saloon blank cartridges purchased at the store and a lead pellet, and at a range of 12in. it penetrated almost three-quarters of the way through a Telephone Directory nearly 2in. thick.

This represents a hitting power sufficient to kill a man, and an extreme range of about 200 yards.

Mr. Churchill, who has given evidence in several cases where expert knowledge of firearms is necessary, told *The Daily Mirror* that the pistols were made in Germany, and that the metal plugs were inserted in order to evade the Firearms Act.

EVASION OF ACT.

Quoting the Act, he said that in Section 12 it is laid down that "any lethal firearm or weapon from which any shot, bullet or missile can be discharged, or any part thereof," which is sold without a licence is sold illegally.

The clause "any part thereof," he said, "certainly applied to the 'toy' pistol, which had been purchased without a licence by *The Daily Mirror*."

"By inserting the plug in the barrel," he explained, "the clause which mentions a weapon 'from which any shot, etc., can be discharged' is evaded, but it does not take a skilled workman long to remove the plug or to perform the simpler operation of cutting the barrel shorter. In this way any of these so-called harmless firearms can be made deadly, and there is nothing to prevent the importation of weapons of much larger calibre provided that the metal plug is inserted."

GUNMAKERS SURPRISED.

Surprise was expressed by gunmakers that the blank cartridges were purchasable without a licence.

"We are not allowed to sell them to anyone, not even for theatrical purposes, unless the purchaser produces a properly authenticated licence," said one.

Mr. Churchill, who is making further experiments on behalf of *The Daily Mirror*, is having the barrel of one of the "toy" pistols shortened to remove the plug and gas vents, and the breech slightly widened to take 22 ammunition. Interesting tests with this converted "toy" weapon and a six-chambered .22 revolver will be made to-day in his shooting gallery.

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF.

To-day's Weather.—Fine; rain later; rather cold early, then mild. Lighting-up time, 5.8 p.m. Swedish paper works strike has broken out on an extensive scale.—Exchange.

Ptomaine Suspected.—Nine persons are ill from suspected ptomaine poisoning at Kettering (Northants).

Earl of Ellesmere, it is understood, is to sell his Lancashire and Cheshire estates, collieries, coke works and wharves.

What Germans Buy.—German shipowners have bought from foreign sources 130 vessels (tonnage 491,467) says *Schiffahrtsbuch*.

Bank Clerks' Protest.—A mass meeting of clerks at Barclays Bank will be held to-morrow to protest against a reduction of bonuses.

Prince George is now convalescent after his operation for appendicitis, but has not yet been discharged from King Edward VII. Hospital.

Adele Countess. Cadogan announces that Mrs. M. d'Orville, Countess of Cadogan, has won the gold watch in the St. Vincent's Grange Home stop-watch competition.

Dutch Elf Boats To Go.—Motor-boats are to supersede the picturesque Dutch eels, carrying ten tons of casks in water in the holds, which have been used by the Thames Custom House since Elizabethan days.

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Tension Among Rhine Forces—Telephone Vigil for Orders to Move Forward.

WAITING FOR DEFAULT DECISION TO-DAY

No French Delay If Commission Condemns Germany—M. Poincaré Promises a Declaration.

Belgian troops and engineers will participate with the French in the advance into Germany, it was reported from Brussels yesterday.

M. Poincaré stated that a French Government declaration on the situation will be made in the Chamber and Senate on Thursday. It is expected that by then France will have taken action.

Meanwhile, the French Rhine Army is expecting orders at any moment after the Reparations Commission has declared to-day Germany's coal default.

A Cabinet crisis is likely in Berlin, the Social Democrats demanding proposals on British lines and an appeal to the League.

FRENCH REINFORCEMENTS 20,000 TURKISH TROOPS FOR RHINE ARMY.

1,400 Men, Six Goods Trains and Forty Transports.

ADVANCE TO-MORROW?

BRUSSELS, Monday.

In connection with the measures adopted by the Belgian Cabinet, it is understood that Belgian engineers are to be appointed to join the French engineers in the Ruhr, and that certain Belgian troops will participate in the military occupation to be made in Germany. The second contingent of engineers left this evening for Düsseldorf.—Exchange.

The forty French mining and naval engineers who left for the Ruhr are making a stop at Düsseldorf, where they will await instructions, says a Reuter telegram from Paris. They are accompanied by Belgian and Italian engineers.

If the Reparations Commission declares to-day Germany's default in coal deliveries, France will not wait until January 15 (next Monday) to seize guarantees, and the world may be faced with a fait accompli, at any time after to-day.

PARIS RETICENCE.

So great is the reticence observed in Paris official circles, says the Central News, that it is fully expected that the first news of French action will come from the districts affected.

The general opinion is that when M. Poincaré speaks in the Chamber on Thursday he will be able to report that the first "pledges" have been taken.

In Berlin the French occupation of the Ruhr is expected to-morrow. German action, it is said, will be limited to a formal protest. A Düsseldorf report says the French Army of Occupation has been reinforced by 1,400 men, while the arrival of forty new military transports has been announced. Garage accommodation for 300 French motor-cars has been requisitioned.—Exchange.

A Coblenz message says that six goods trains coming from France passed through Coblenz Station to-day, going towards Düsseldorf. The wagons were sealed. French soldiers accompanied the trains.—Exchange.

RHINE 'PHONE VIGIL.

French Headquarters on the Rhine are expecting moving orders at any moment, says the Coblenz correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, adding that two officers are remaining at the telephone all night.

The journal (says the Exchange) states that General Allen, Commander of the American forces in Germany, hastily summoned a staff meeting. It was in progress after midnight.

It is learned officially in Washington that the United States has made informal representations to France expressing distinct disfavour towards the French advance to the Ruhr.

GERMAN COAL DEFAULT.

Declaration Expected To-day—Sir J. Bradbury's Mind Not Made Up Yet.

PARIS, Monday.

From inquiry made in Reparations Commission circles it is learned that Germany's default in coal deliveries will certainly be declared, but not before to-morrow morning.

At to-day's meeting, after Herr Wallmichrath had read a report seeking to justify the coal deficits, questions were put to him by Sir J. Bradbury and M. Barthou, and he sometimes showed embarrassment.

Sir J. Bradbury told journalists he had not made up his mind on the question.—Reuter.

The Reparations Commission adjourned this evening until to-morrow morning, when Herr Lubeck, the expert representing German coal interests, will be heard.—Reuter.

Marks 185 a Penny.—German marks yesterday attained their lowest yet, at 45,000, the equivalent of about 185 for a penny.

Rafet Bey's Secret Breach of Mudania Pact.

THREAT TO CONFERENCE.

LAUSANNE, Monday.

It is learnt that the Turks now have 20,000 troops in Eastern Thrace, instead of the 5,000 gendarmes they are allowed to keep there, according to the Mudania armistice terms.

Those troops have not passed from Anatolia, but have been recruited in Thrace by Rafet Bey. This is considered as a most important ground for breaking off the negotiations here.—Exchange.

M. Barrera, the chief French delegate at Lausanne, who returned to Paris for personal reasons, will, says the Exchange, resume his duties at the Conference to-day.

He has been provided with new instructions. It is now understood that terms which must either be accepted or rejected at once are likely to be presented by the Allies to the Turks within the next few days.

Although General Harington has made preparations for the evacuation of Constantinople, it was officially stated yesterday that British troops, with their Allies, will remain in that city until the moment of peace arrives. Over 130,000 refugees left yesterday.

SLUMS IN KENSINGTON.

Health Committee Says Council Should Take Tenements in Hand.

The condition of the slums in Kensington is to be considered at a special meeting of the Borough Council on Thursday.

The Public Health Committee states that the Council, using all the powers at their command, should take in hand systematically and energetically the remedying of the present unsatisfactory conditions in many tenement houses, and recommends:—

Annual registration of not fewer than 400 tenement houses let in lodgings or occupied by members of more than one family.

Provision in next year's estimates of £10,000 for repair works and for the acquisition of houses.

Any properties coming into the possession or care of the council to be managed on the "Octavia Hill" system.

It is also proposed that the London County Council, and, if necessary, the Minister of Health, be asked to receive a deputation on the delay in issuing bylaws for houses let in lodgings or occupied by members of more than one family.

DUKE'S £24,757 DEBTS.

Trustee Appointed Who Will Lodge £35,000 Claim.

Creditors of the Duke of Leinster, proving debts totalling £24,757, yesterday elected as trustee to administer the estate in bankruptcy Mr. F. S. Salaman, who said that, as trustee under the previous bankruptcy, he would, as soon as the Duke was adjudged bankrupt by the Court, lodge a "proof" of debt approaching £35,000 in respect of the unsatisfied debts of the first bankruptcy.

It was stated that until the reversionary life interest, sold to Sir H. Mallaby-Deeley for £67,000 and redeemable within ten years for £240,000, no funds would be available for either set of creditors. The Duke cabled from New York:—"Returning middle of January. Arranging all debts in full. Please stay proceedings."



Duke of Leinster.



Senator Borah is to visit Europe this summer to explain America's policy to the nations.

Sir Thomas Hewitt, K.C., who died yesterday, aged eighty-six, at The Hoe, Lynton, North Devon.

WHY RABBITS MADE SWAZI KING LAUGH.

Exaggerated Report That He Ate Three at Lunch.

HIS DINNER MENU.

With a reputation for eating three rabbits for lunch, Sobhuza Nkosi Dhlimini, King of the Swazis, has arrived in London.

His gastronomic achievements were reported from Southampton, where he arrived yesterday in the Union Castle liner Windsor Castle.

A Daily Mirror representative who called upon him at Maida Vale last night to ask him why he is so fond of rabbit was told by the King himself that the rumour was grossly exaggerated.

Bursting into a hearty laugh, he explained that, although he was fond of rabbit, the idea of eating three at a sitting was repugnant to him—especially at sea.

Husky relinque were also highly amused at the story, and a very broad member of the entourage became convulsed with laughter every time rabbits were mentioned.

The King yesterday had for dinner clear soup, fried pipe, chicken and sweets. Rabbit was not on the menu.

FIVE DUBLIN EXECUTIONS.

Soldiers Pay Penalty for Treachery—C.O. Wounded in Ambush.

Five National deserters—Corporal Lee Dowling, Corporal Sylvester Heaney and Privates Lawrence Sheehy, Anthony O'Reilly and Terence Brady—court-martialled and found guilty of treachery, were shot yesterday in Dublin, says an official Irish communiqué.

An unconfirmed Dublin report put the number of executions at nine.

Three members of the Irish National troops, including a commanding officer, were wounded in an ambush near Tullamore, while on their way to mass. They were attacked from both sides of the road by a strong body of irregulars.

£400 THEFT ON LINER.

Rifted Registered Mail Bag Found in Sea Off Newfoundland.

A registered mail bag which had contained £400 has been picked up by the daughter of the lighthouse keeper at Gooseberry Island, Newfoundland.

It is stated that the bag was stolen from an eastbound transatlantic steamer which sailed in December.

It is surmised that the bag was thrown overboard after the £400 had been abstracted.—Reuter.

MOTHER'S HEROISM.

Refused to Leave Burning Room Before She Knew Children Were Safe.

Inquests were held yesterday on the bodies of the three children and two women victims of the fire in a burned-out Dublin tenement.

Youngsters throwing squibs in the street were unwittingly responsible for the outbreak. One of the squibs fell into a shop, ignited an oil barrel, and in fifteen minutes the ground floor was a roaring furnace.

A touching example of a mother's heroism was afforded by the action of Mrs. Wynne, a labourer's wife. She now lies badly burned in hospital. She refused to leave her room on the second floor until she had handed her three children to the firemen and saw them conveyed to safety.

LONDON MEN KILLED ON LINER.

NEW YORK, Monday.

Arthur Hassell and Charles Tippet, of London, firemen on the Cunard liner Valacia (6,526 tons) were killed on December 29 when a big wave struck the boat and loosed the cable drum of a one-inch wire used to moor the ship to the dock.

The drum shot down the deck and crashed into the forecastle. Nineteen others were slightly hurt.—Central News.

BRITAIN FOR SQUARE DEAL WITH AMERICA.

Mr. Baldwin's Speech at the Debt Conference.

HEAVIER TAXES.

Payment by Other Means Than Gold or Goods.

WASHINGTON, Monday.

The first Conference of the British and American debt-funding commissioners was held here to-day.

Mr. Baldwin, addressing the Conference, said:—

We are not here to ask for favours or impose on generosity.

We want a fair business settlement; a square deal; a settlement which will secure for America repayment to the last cent.

The payment of our debt to you will impose on us the necessity of levying heavy taxes.

Mr. Baldwin then pointed out that further taxation decreased the purchasing power of the British worker, and diminished British consumption of American cereals, cotton, meat and other products.

In emphasising that every cent of the money borrowed was used to make purchases in the United States, Mr. Baldwin said:—

American labour received the wages, American capitalists the profits and the United States Treasury the taxation from these profits.

After showing the impossibility of paying this huge debt with gold, Mr. Baldwin pointed out the difficulties of repayment with goods, for after all the debt was for goods supplied.

The Conference, therefore, must seek other methods of international payments.—Reuter.

NO PAYMENT IN GOODS.

Explaining why the four billions owing could not be repaid in goods, Mr. Baldwin said the goods were supplied in wartime at war prices, and prices had fallen so far that thus to repay four billions, Britain would have to send to America a far greater bulk of goods than were originally purchased with the money loaned.

He questioned the possibility of the United States accepting payment in goods without its having a serious effect on the American people for years to come.—Exchange.

Favourably Impressed.—Mr. Baldwin's address, says Reuter, created a decidedly favourable impression in American official circles. The Conference was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

BODY ON TUNNEL LEDGE.

Man Believed To Have Fallen 60 Feet from Road Over Railway.

Lying on a projecting ledge at the entrance of Bradway railway tunnel, near Sheffield, the body of a man was found yesterday by plate-layers.

On a club card in a pocket was an address in Sheffield. The man was middle-aged and well dressed, and had in his possession £100 in money and a gold watch and chain. It is thought that he fell from the roadway 60ft. above the tunnel on to the ledge.

RISING THAMES.

River Now 5ft. 6ins. Above the Normal Level at Shepperton.

Heavy rain has caused the Thames to rise a further six inches at Shepperton, where it is now 5ft. 6in. above the normal, and is still rising. The River Wey is also much higher.

Lord Desborough, at yesterday's meeting of the Thames Conservancy Board, said: "Speaking generally, there has been no flood this year. In fact, from many points of view we want more water."

There were heavy floods in Wales yesterday. River Seine rose a further 16in. yesterday, when tram services along Paris quays were suspended.—Exchange.

BOY'S PLUCK IN FIRE.

Brother and Sister Lowered from Window on Blanket Rope.

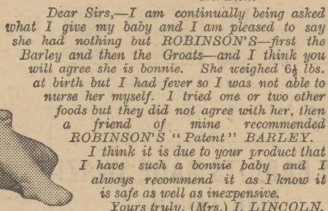
Awakening to find a sitting-room on fire and a bedroom and staircase full of smoke a Moyland (Essex) boy of 14 tied two blankets and a sheet together.

With these he lowered his younger brother and sister, who were nearly suffocated, through the bedroom window to the ground.

Neighbours eventually succeeded in putting out the fire and the boy escaped in safety.

POLICE BAN ON FRENCH NOVEL.

Paris police have invited the libraries (says a Central News telegram) not to sell "La Garçonne" ("The Girl About Town"), the novel of Parisian life, by Victor Marguerite, who has been deprived of his decoration of the Legion of Honour by the Council of the Order.

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MODERN DANIEL FREE FROM CARE



A U.S. marine smilingly accepting a little lionising by the inmates while on a visit to a well-known lion farm at Los Angeles, California. He seems to know no care.

CORINTHIANS IN TRAINING



C. T. Ashton, of the Corinthians, writes his autograph during an interval in training at the Crystal Palace for the Cup tie with Brighton on Saturday.



Mr. Frederick Vickers, of Lincoln, awarded Order of St. John for rescuing two workmen overcome by foul air in a boiler.



COUNTY SCHOOLS MATCH.—A Surrey boy well tackled in the match at Blackheath yesterday between Kent and Surrey public schools. Surrey won rather easily by twenty-four points to eleven.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)



Mr. Thornley Dodge in his stride on the track.



Then follows a strenuous round with his trainer. Mr. Dodge is on the left.

KEEPING FIT.—A great believer in keeping fit is Mr. Thornley Dodge, who appears as Mr. Ducat in "Polly" at the Kingsway Theatre. To this end he has a run round the track at Stamford Bridge every morning and also practises boxing.

Major Beatty watches F. Johns weighing in.



E. Orme weighing in at St. 6lb. only!

STABLE LADS' BOXING.—The annual stable lads' tournament was held last night at the National Sporting Club, in aid, as usual, of St. Dunstan's.

The Romance of a 'Wallflower'

SOUNDS like a fairy tale—doesn't it? The story of how the penniless little girl whom no one ever noticed married the rich, handsome Prince Charming.

And I was not even a beauty until . . .

But that's the story. Have you ever been a wallflower? I have, dozens of times. I've been the girl who was never sent flowers, I've been the girl who was never asked to teas or dances. In fact, I've been a complete and utter failure. And I hated it.

One day I was at Jill's. Jill is my sister-in-law. She's not really pretty—hasn't got very good features, I mean—but she's got a way with a smile and a lovely complexion that make her a success everywhere. Men rave about her.

"Jill," I said, "I'm simply miserable. And then I began to cry."

No one who hasn't gone through it knows how perfectly awful it is to be a social failure. "My good child," said Jill, "whatever is the matter?"

"Everything," I sniffed. "I do so want to have a good time. Oh, if only I had your complexion!"

"Well, why don't you?"—"in a matter-of-fact sort of way."

"Jill," I gasped, "what do you mean?"

"Just this," said Jill, and she took up the daintiest little box, all purple and gold. Now came here, and very, very lightly her powder-puff began to move across my face.

"You are now," she said, impressively, "having your first experience of Pompeian BEAUTY Powder. Doesn't it smell lovely? And just wait until you see what a wonderful improvement it makes in your complexion."

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Now, she finished triumphantly, "look at yourself!"

I simply couldn't have believed it was I. The girl in the mirror was a perfect darling. A skin like a petal, the delicious softening of the contours of my face by the wonderful fascinating bloom that Pompeian BEAUTY Powder imparts, gave me all the loveliness I'd longed for in the world, and gave me the dearest wish of my life. I knew that Pompeian BEAUTY Powder had made me a pretty girl.

"Do," said Jill, "you're coming with me to the Vandeuvre's dance to-night."

"I'd never been so happy as when I dressed for that dance. To know that one is pretty—why, it's the most wonderful thing in the world, and gives one a most gracious confident feeling towards everyone and everything. And when one knows that, something simply heavenly is going to happen!"

For it was at that dance that I met HIM. Can you imagine anything more wonderful? Here was I, the little girl whom no one had ever noticed before, and he the rich, distinguished guest. Yet, when Lady Vandeuvre asked him if there was anyone to whom he would like to be introduced, he said, "The little girl in white with the glorious complexion."

Jill says I was introduced to my husband by Pompeian BEAUTY Powder, and I'm duly grateful.

That's why I recommend Pompeian BEAUTY Powder to all my friends. Besides, was there ever a powder half so delightful to use? With such a charming and delicate perfume and tints so cunningly devised to suit one's complexion? I like pink, and in my miserable years of being unwanted I tried everything.

Add to its other qualities the crowning virtue of staying on for hours, and you'll admit that here is the one face powder which meets all demands.

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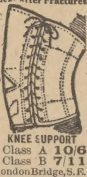
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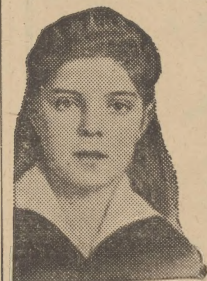
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PAST AND PRESENT.

A COMMITTEE of Neutrals, we hear, is preparing to investigate the causes and origins of the war; to apportion blame; to indicate restraints for "next time."

Once again! Will wisecracks never cease to revert to the past? Are they likely to convince anybody? Have not all the facts been traversed repeatedly? Would it not be better to think of the *consequences* of the war rather than of its *causes*?

The consequences!—Signor Nitti's just published book gives them, in its "pessimistic" title, as "the decay of Europe."

There are many things in that book with which our readers might disagree.

Signor Nitti, who formally signed the Treaty of Versailles, is one of its bitterest accusers. Yet much in his analysis of our "decadence" is worth considering—particularly his remarks about the moral side of it: about the exasperations, the hatred, the callousness left by it in minds once attuned to a moderately civilised condition.

Here is an enormous field for the investigator, for the doctors of souls, for the reformers and the statesmen. Here is sufficient occupation for all the conceivable neutral or other committees that could possibly be gathered from the four corners of the globe.

Would it not be wiser thus to tackle the present (with a view to the future) instead of laboriously renewing old bitterness by inquiring, for the hundredth time, "who began the war" which has led us all to our "decadence"?

COUGHS IN CHURCH.

AN evidently much-tried parson has been addressing his flock on the subject of coughs in Church; as well as about other hindrances to devotion—coming in late, going out early, fidgeting and gossiping along the aisles.

He is careful, however, to warn us that "a slight cold" need not be used as an excuse for staying away.

Perhaps he thinks that a cough is a man's own fault.

In Church we think it often is. People cough because they are bored and inattentive. Surprise them, interest them by a dramatic discourse—they will *forget* to cough. You don't hear nearly so much coughing in a cinema as in a church.

A man's own fault, we said. And therefore perhaps occasionally the *parson's* fault?

At least the good man may judge of his success or failure in holding his hearers by the frequency or rarity of coughs.

"POOR DOGS."

SINCE we published photographs illustrating the plight of dog owners who have not been able to pay for their licences this month we have received well over three hundred pounds in "relief" from other dog-lovers amongst our readers.

Their kind help has shown how deeply sympathy is stirred by the fate of the dogs who are thus indeed "taxed out of existence."

True, some of our readers comment on the lack of prevision which prompts people to undertake the charge of an animal, when they are not able to meet the tax. There are a few criticisms.

But even the critics are keenly interested in these cases. And it is thus again made clear that the love of dogs—the love, indeed, of *all* animals—is a bond between those who share it, and therefore a truly beneficial influence in the life of humanity.

W. M.

THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

Reparations—Income Tax Forms—The Novel That Sells Best—Useless Umbrellas—Age and Work.

THE TWO PLANS.

OUR French friends believe that they have a better method than ours of settling the Reparations difficulty. I cannot see why we should not let them try their plan, while we wait, in perfect friendliness, to see how it works.

This momentary disagreement need surely not lead to any permanent separation.

Burlington-gardens F. S. H.

IN answer to the letter by "A. T. P." may I point out to him that the failure of the Reparations Conference is due not so much to "bankruptcy of European statesmanship" as to the biased view in favour of Germany taken by

NO AGE LIMIT.

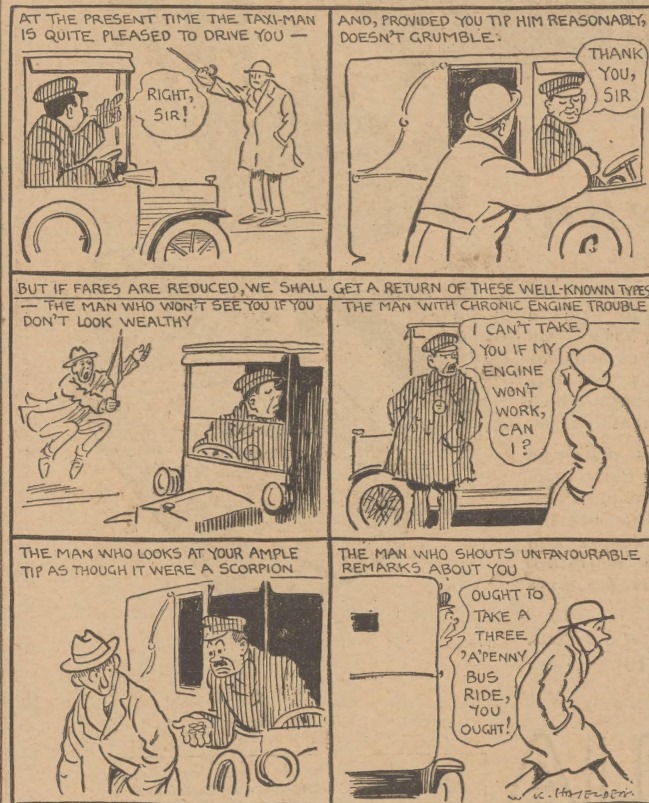
BRAINS and a capacity for organisation are required in business, and, if these are present, there should be no age limit for either man or woman.

My father was over seventy-eight when he died, and he was a keen business man up to the last.

INCOME TAX FORMS.

AS the Income Taxpayers' Society has been the principal agent in voicing the public demand for the simplification of income-tax forms—a subject which was brushed too lightly aside by the Royal Commission—perhaps you will allow me to point out that the Committee

DOUGHT TAXI-CAB FARES TO BE LOWERED?



If so, will taximen's manners return to the war level?

our representatives, and especially by our financial experts.

France is right to hold out for her own interests.

So many people seem to forget that had Germany won the war she would have enforced full payment by her enemies in a much less period than has elapsed since peace terms were signed.

E. JAMES.

UMBRELLAS.

WILL some ingenious person kindly invent something for us in place of umbrellas? Umbrellas have one use or habit—to get lost and stolen.

In rain like that we have had lately they are worse than useless. If one can protect one's hat by one's own umbrella, one cannot protect one's clothes from the drippings of other people's.

V. T. K.

"NAUGHTY" NOVELS.

MAY I, as a writer guilty of perpetrating more than one popular novel, join issue with Mr. Haselden's cartoon of Friday, and with various of your correspondents who seem to think that "naughtiness" sells fiction?

In my experience the appeal of the so-called "naughty" novel is a very limited one, being confined to a certain section of semi-neurotic, semi-intellectual readers whose total buying capacity is some 5,000 copies.

The real "best seller"—that is to say, the novel whose circulation is anything from 30,000 to 150,000 copies—reaches its sale because it appeals to the best and not to the worst in human nature. Which is the main reason why we in England do not, and never shall, need a literary censor.

GILBERT FRANKAU.

whose appointment to consider the subject has just been announced is not quite the kind of Committee that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was urged to set up.

Sir Arthur Bann and Sir William Pearce are the only members who can be regarded as representatives of business practice.

A very serious omission is the absence of any representative of the General Commissioners of Income Tax, who are business men with a first-hand acquaintance with the working of the Income Tax Acts.

It is to be hoped that the Committee will yet produce something practical.

The forms that most urgently call for attention are those relating to Schedules D and E, and to repayment claims. The matter is one of great importance to trade and industry, because the present complex returns not only consume a large amount of time on the part of office staffs and private individuals, but also involve calling in outside experts.

(Signed)

Income Taxpayers' Society, Abbey House, 2, Victoria-street, London, S.W.1.

IN MY GARDEN.

JAN. 8.—Snowdrops (galanthus) already peep above the damp soil and soon we shall be gathering these precious flowers of early spring. The species that is so popular in English gardens is rivals in its single and double forms. Snowdrops, it must be remembered, only produce a beautiful effect when massed; let them be naturalised in moist dells, on shady banks and in woody places. They like warm, free soil that contains plenty of leaf-mould.

Elwesji is a giant single snowdrop that should certainly be grouped on the rockery. E. F. T.

A NEW AIR FLEET FOR GERMANY?

POSSIBILITIES OF SECRET ARMAMENTS.

By FRANCIS GRIBBLE.

HERR JUNKERS' recent lecture to the Royal Aeronautical Society on all-metal aircraft, which I heard read, began with sentiments equally pacific and polite. But the pacifism was neither the most interesting nor the most important part of it.

Naturally, the lecturer guarded his technical secrets; but he did mention certain facts which suggest certain inferences.

And the fact which stands out most conspicuously is that Herr Junkers has designed and is likely before long to be able to turn out rapidly and in large quantities, by mass production, a standardised giant aeroplane of five times the horse-power of the most powerful aeroplane used during the war, capable of transporting a hundred armed men, or carrying an enormous cargo of bombs.

He added that the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles prevented him from producing these aeroplanes in Germany.

He did not add—and, of course, had no need to add, since his audience knew it already—that he was free to produce them in any other country in the world.

Great factories, it is to be noted, are not required for the purpose, nor are great resources in the way of material needed for the all-metal machine. Not merely the material, but the parts, can be imported.

They may be made from the specifications almost anywhere—in Spain or Sweden, or Switzerland, or the United States. They may even be procured—bought for commercial purposes by a firm trading, let us say, in Russia—from France or England.

FIFTEEN DAYS!

All that then remains to be done is to assemble the parts, and that can be done practically anywhere.

If everything were ready—all the parts stored where they were wanted, and skilled labour collected—one of these dreadnoughts of the sky could be "assembled" and launched on its career of destruction in about a fortnight, and any number of them might be put together simultaneously.

Germany, that is to say, after a sufficient period of secret preparation, will be able to provide herself with a powerful air fleet by fifteen days' feverish activity, and it is not necessary that her own territory should be the scene of either the feverish activity or the secret preparations.

Indeed, there is little to hinder the preparations from being made quite openly.

The airships might be built in Russia and used there for the innocent purpose of distributing Russian grain and oil in places which the defective Russian transport services make it difficult to reach; and the commercial aeroplanes might, as the result of a sudden decision, be transformed into military aeroplanes in a very brief space of time.

Those are the possibilities.

They are, in truth, something more than possibilities; for it is known, by those whose business it is to know such things, that a good deal of aeroplane construction is now being done on Russian soil under German auspices.

Probably French appreciation of the danger is one of the reasons which make them anxious.

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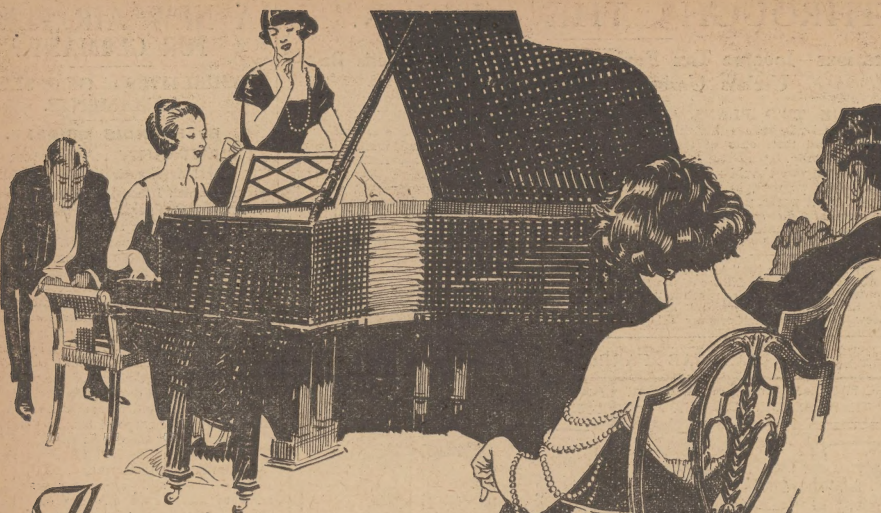


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The care of the skin is mainly a matter of using the right toilet soap. Premier Vinolia Soap is so pure that its creamy lather simply caresses the skin. It is gently cleansing and refreshing; its perfume is delightful, yet pleasingly elusive. Premier gives the perfect toilet.

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Mrs. Hilton Phillips, against whose husband, M.P. for Berwick-on-Tweed, an election petition has been lodged.



The Hon. Bruce Ogilvy, Equerry to the Prince of Wales, has been succeeded by the Hon. Piers Leslie, son of Lord Newton.

CHANAK AGAIN.

Date of Prohibition—Modern Street Cries—Whitaker Wright's "Epitaph."

NOW THAT IT SEEMS unfortunately almost certain that the Near East Peace Conference at Lausanne will end in failure, people are asking what is going to happen to our forces at Chanak in the Dardanelles. These troops are really closely invested by the Turks, and they have their backs to the sea.

Whitaker Wright's Grave.

Passing through Witley in Surrey the other day, I turned into the churchyard to look at the grave of Whitaker Wright, who died so tragically in 1904. I found a magnificent tomb of some dark stone I could not identify, and a lovely wreath had just been placed upon the cross. The inscription includes the words "He loved the poor," and I was told that in Witley he is still remembered with affection.

Born in January.

The birthdays of a number of men eminent in public life occur this month. The Marquis Curzon is sixty-four on the eleventh; the Marquis of Lansdowne is seventy-eight on the fourteenth; Earl Beatty is fifty-two, and Mr. Lloyd George sixty on the seventeenth; and the Bishop of London is sixty-five on the twenty-sixth.

Pierre Loti.

I am sorry to hear of the grave illness of Pierre Loti. His pen-name is really an adaptation of the nickname of Roti, bestowed on him, when in the Navy, because of his very rosy cheeks. Roti (meaning "roast beef") was not, of course, a very promising literary pseudonym, but it suggested Loti, which served very well.

Difference of Taste.

The vogue of Pierre Loti's sentimental books of travel illustrates one of the differences between French and English literary taste. The books which most resemble them in English are Robert Louis Stevenson's "Inland Voyage" and "Travels with a Donkey in the Cévennes." They are quite as good as, say, "Madame Chrysanthème." Some people would say that they are better. But they were far less successful.

Royalty in Distress.

Some German princesses are said to have been reduced to the necessity of knitting jumpers for a living. It is a sad case, but there are plenty of precedents for it. Louis-Philippe, when a prince, became mathematical master in a Swiss school. A princess of the House of Bonaparte once set up as a milliner in the West End of London.

Seeking the Sun.

The Countess of Londesborough is paying her usual visit to the South of France. Tall and of striking appearance, there is a noticeable likeness to her equally tall daughter, the Marchioness of Carisbrooke. Lady Londesborough, though staying at Antibes, spends a good deal of time in the Sporting Club at Monte Carlo. But she is very fond of dancing, too, and generally appears at all the private dances got up by those owning villas.

To Egypt.

Egypt is drawing many well-known people this winter. Lord Leigh is off there, and his sister, the Hon. Agnes Leigh, who so frequently accompanies him out and about, is going with him. Lord Leigh is a widower, with a comfortable house in Grosvenor-square, where his sister lives with him. In spite of being in the late sixties, Lord Leigh is a great dancer.



Countess of Londesborough.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

Living "Old Master."

Yesterday the Sargent portraits contained in the Wertheimer bequest were on view at the National Gallery. John Sargent is the only living artist to become an "Old Master." The hitherto inexorable rule was broken when his portrait of Lord Ribblesdale was hung some years ago. The new collection sets the seal of fame on an artist who was the most famous portrait painter of the last generation. Sargent, who is an American, is sixty-seven.

Old and New.

The feature of the exhibition of the Society of Graphic Art, now being held at the Suffolk-street Galleries, is a collection of original drawings by the great Charles Keene, of *Punch* fame. It is interesting to compare these old drawings with the modern stuff. In my humble opinion some of the men of to-day can draw much better than Keene, who, in spite of a great natural talent, had some surprising technical deficiencies.

Down in the Forest.

Mr. W. Lee-Hankey, the well-known etcher and painter, has now taken up his residence permanently in France. He has built for himself a very charming bungalow and studio in the middle of the pine forest at Le Touquet. Lee-Hankey is holding an exhibition of his drawings and water-colours in London during October.

Kensington Skating Rink.

I referred the other day to the future of the fine site at Kensington fronting Holland House. I now find that the new ice skating rink, which, as already announced in these notes, is to be put up by Mr. F. H. ("Pa") Payne, will in all probability occupy this position. Negotiations with Lord Ilchester's agents are well under way, and I expect the deal to be "clinched" in a day or two.

Still Dancing.

There seems to be no signs of a slump in the dancing craze. The better class dance clubs all report "packed floors." Mr. Payne is interested in a new riverside dance club, called "Dukes," which has just opened at Richmond. Many well-known people motored down from town to test the floor on Sunday night.

The Ladies' Athenaeum.

Dame Nellie Melba, whilst waiting to get into her new house, makes the Ladies' Athenaeum Club, in Dover-street, her headquarters. This club was originally started by a few ladies, amongst whom was the late Lady Randolph Churchill, and it is still ably run by Mrs. Fitzclarence.

The Active Dean.

The Dean of Lincoln, who is now in America on a lecturing and preaching tour on behalf of the Lincoln Cathedral repair fund, is, I see, contemplating a visit to Canada. Despite his seventy-six years, Dr. Fry is one of the most vigorous and active clergymen in the English Church. He was for many years Headmaster of Berkhamstead.

Prohibition in 1928!

A Philadelphia Mr. Johnson has been prophesying the dates upon which the countries of the world will "go dry." The date assigned to Great Britain is 1928. Before that the prohibition wave will have swept over South America, Austria and Denmark. France will remain unrepentant until 1933 and Spain and China until 1939. I notice one or two notable omissions in the prophecy, such as Germany, Belgium, the Free State of Ireland and the Versailles-made States of Central Europe, where, perhaps, as very old gentlemen, we may still enjoy a friendly glass.

Tobacco Slump.

I hear of tobacco factories which are working half-time and have also discharged many hands, a most unusual state of affairs in that fragrant industry. The reason assigned is that many working men have had to reduce their consumption of tobacco, while large numbers can no longer buy any at all at the present high price. The Government duty is blamed for the slump, but I notice that manufacturers' profits continue high.

Street Cries.

The inhabitant of Chelsea who has been complaining of the annoyance of street cries gets no sympathy from me (writes a correspondent). I have a joyful milkman who varies the customary "Milk-oh!" by a musical "Pip-pip" on a high note and once a day an old gentleman passes the door wheeling a barrow and saying: "Beg pardon!" in a low and mournful voice. His trade, though no doubt shameful, is obscure. Someone once suggested rags and bones.

Lady Mary Egerton's Wedding.

The Countess of Wilton is to hold the reception after the wedding of her sister-in-law, Lady Mary Egerton, on Thursday. Lady Wilton is one of our most elegant peeresses and is the happy possessor of a beautiful chin-chilla cloak, which suits her tall blonde style admirably. Lady Mary is staying with her in Park-street until the wedding.

Ellen Terry's "Shoe."

Miss Ellen Terry is to revive her delightful children's entertainment, "The Shoe," at King George's Hall, on January 16, in aid of the Women's League of Service for Motherhood. She is supported again by the children of well-known actors and actresses, among them Owen Nares' two boys, Mary and Ann Casson (Miss Sybil Thorndike's daughters), and Jane Ann Stierdale Bennett, daughter of Miss Athene Seyler. A grave trouble, I understand, has arisen among some members of the cast since the performance last summer. They have lost their front teeth!

"Personal Qualities."

I am told that "personal qualities" is one of the tests in the examination which is to be held next month for telephone superintendents. The Civil Service Commissioners announce that the degree to which the candidate possesses personal qualities which are of importance for the position of traffic superintendent in the G.P.O. will be judged after an interview between the candidate and a board appointed for the purpose.



Miss Margaret Bannerman appeared in "Deceitful Nights" yesterday after a week's absence.



Mr. Frederic Ranalow returned last night, after an illness, to the cast of "The Beggar's Opera."

A King's Villa.

Who is going to purchase the late Sir Ernest Cassel's villa at Cap Ferrat, I wonder! With over forty acres of lovely gardens, a sheet of ornamental water, pergolas and terraces, it has all the usual attractive features associated with houses on the Riviera. It used to belong to King Leopold of the Belgians.

Robert Loraine's Unhappy Ending!

During a week-end visit to the North Robert Loraine, who dies nightly in the last act of "The Happy Ending" at the St. James', discovered his own grave! It lies in Kirkharle churchyard, and the stone bears the inscription, "In memory of Robert Loraine, who was barbarously murdered in this place by the Scots for his good service to his country against their thefts and robbery." This is even an unhappier ending than his ending in the play!

Belle of the Ball.

Lady Mary Thynne was, as usual, the belle of the ball given by Lord and Lady Northampton at Castle Ashby. Lord Northampton also owns Compton Wynnyates in Warwickshire, one of the most beautiful examples of Elizabethan architecture, but the late Lord Northampton seldom went there.

New Health Resort.

Sir Charles Hartopp, who was seriously ill some little time back, has gone down to Newmarket to recuperate. Newmarket is supposed to be one of the healthiest spots in England.

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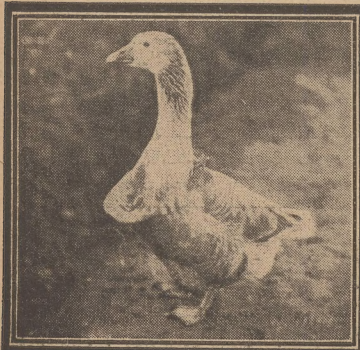
A delightful evening gown by Lucile, designed in yellow chiffon on simple lines and embroidered with yellow and silver bugles.



Police Sergeant Tate, of Bighton, Lancs., has been awarded the King's Medal for gallantry in rescuing a schoolmaster's wife and child from a fire.



Lieutenant-Commander the Hon. Trevor Parker, R.N., of H.M.S. Resolution, has met with a slight accident while out hunting and is in hospital.



GOOSE'S COLLAR.—A pet goose at Basingstoke fitted with a wooden collar to prevent its getting through the railings of the garden.

BRITISH SKI-ING CHAMPION



Leonard Dobbs smiling his contentment while resting on a snow-clad slope after winning the British ski championship held at Murren, Switzerland. The contest produced plenty of thrills for spectators and competitors.

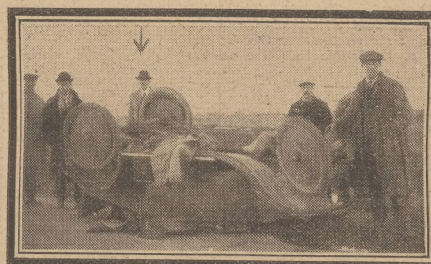
FASCISTS' NEW YEAR



Young Fascists of Rome taking part



NEW AIR WEAPON TESTED.—The latest British torpedo-launching aeroplane, fitted with slotted wings, at Le Bourget, Paris, where it has just been tested.



MOTOR-CAR OVERTURNS.—A motor-car overturned and facing the opposite direction in which it had been travelling, near Blackwater, Hants.



The start of the flight over a winter landscape white with snow and sparkling with frost. Half-hidden in the

A FLIGHT IN FAIRYLAND.—The delicate beauty of the snow-c



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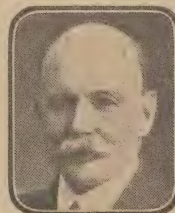
A smart gown for day wear in navy blue gabardine. Embroidery in royal blue and black braid gives it distinctive finish.—(Lucile.)



"ROLLING THE PITCH."—Miss Moseley and Miss Russell among the many ladies who were willing helpers in clearing the rink of snow at St. Moritz, Switzerland.



IMMIGRATION INSPECTION.—Sir Auckland Geddes (with stick), visiting Ellis Island immigration depot in connection with complaints of conditions there.



Lord Long, who is mentioned as likely to be one of the three Privy Counsellors nominated to examine the political New Year's Honours List.



Dr. James Wentworth Lough, formerly Dean of Hereford, who has died at his home in Port-street, London. He was in his eighty-fifth year.



The guest-house of the Zugspitze looking like a fairy castle amid the snow.



FINE WEATHER WEAR.—A striking model with a crown of grey straw and brim of black satin trimmed with bands of grey—not forgetting a buckle!



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"Come along, dickies!"

S.S.: "Lucky old Tom! I went back to the old nest, but it was full of water. I slept by a chimney."
F.S.: "Come along, it's lunch time—the office boys will be out."

S.S.: "Right you are! I feel a bit peckish." (They fly down to the busy street, and beg tit-bits from the office boys eating their dinners out of paper-bags.)
F.S.: "Ha, ha, ha! Cheep, cheep, cheep! What do you think I've got!"

S.S.: "Don't know. Sandwich? Sausage roll? Cheese?"
F.S.: "No, cake! Real plum cake! I dare say it's a bit of Christmas cake. Here, have a plum, won't you?"

S.S.: "Thanks, awfully! Lucky old Tom!"
I am sure the London sparrows talk something like this. In any case, when you have a few crumbs, don't forget to throw them to the wild birds. They will be so thankful.

Your affectionate
Uncle Dick

LETTER JUGGLING.

Some Clever Puzzles Sent in by Nieces and Nephews.

WHAT a lot of clever nieces and nephews I have! Every week they send me puzzles, tricks, riddles, jokes—puzzles that make my hair stand on end and tricks that make my head go round. For instance, what do you think of the following from Nancy Sutherland, who lives at Kew Gardens?

There are seven words, and if you take the first letter of the first word, the second of the second, the third of the third, the fourth of the fourth, the third of the fifth, the second of the sixth and the first of the seventh you spell the name of a very famous little rabbit.

Now, this is what the seven words are:—Opposite of narrow, a measurement, a flower, a wild animal, part of an apple, useful when you are tired, and an article from a dinner service. Can you guess yet?

Well, I admit it is a puzzle, so I will show you the answer:—

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Isn't that smart! But here is an even cleverer one—all about me, too! Just look at the black letters!

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U N C L E D I C K
H A D D O C K
H A C I N A
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Now a few hidden creatures for you to find. In each of the following sentences the name of some bird, beast, insect or fish is hidden. You will see that the first one is "Bee."

1.—"Wouldn't it BE Easier?" said she.

2.—She was perfectly well then.

3.—What a drab, bitter place!

4.—The sluggard is up; ignore him.

5.—He was wallowing in the mud.

Do not trouble to send your solutions to me; the correct answers will be published in a few days.

WILLIAM EDITS THE PAGE

WILLIAM, as you know, is our office boy—or, at least, he shares the post with Henry, whose duties are making the tea and washing up the cups. The worst of William is that he is ambitious. He hopes one day to succeed me, and become "Uncle William," when he will write the letter every day on this page.

William has some novel ideas for editing a page. I will give you his idea of what he would do; just imagine that it is January 9, 1922. The "Uncle William" letter would occupy only a few lines.

Under the letter would appear the opening instalment of a thrilling adventure serial:—

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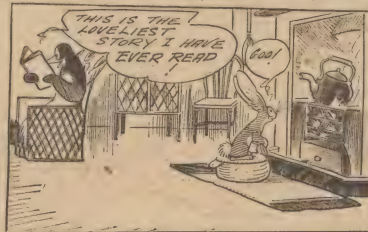
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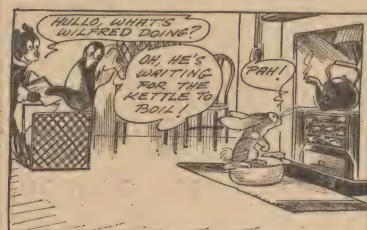
"WATCHED POT NEVER BOILS": A SHOCK FOR WILFRED



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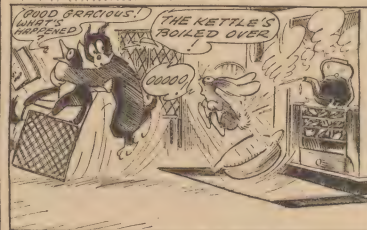
2. Very pleased at having such important work to do Wilfred watched the kettle very carefully.



3. But, as the old saying goes, "watched pot never boils." Wilfred got quite cross with the kettle.



4. In the end, when Pip and Squeak were reading, he got tired of watching and went to sleep.



5. Of course, just after that the water boiled—some of it falling on Wilfred's tail!



6. Pip and Squeak did everything they could to cure the burn. Wilfred won't watch kettles again.

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Each slice fell clean apart;

My mother made that Christmas cake,

It touched my very heart.

And now, alas! one slice remains;

My heart begins to ache,

I dare not touch the last-lone piece

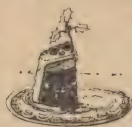
Of that fair Christmas cake!

—E. P.

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Helen slipped to her knees by the bedside. "Daddy, dear," she said, "wouldn't you like to tell me all about last night?" But Dale couldn't. He could not bear to see the love in his daughter's eyes change to shame.

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS

MRS. WOOD, an invalid not likely to live much longer, is very anxious for her daughter Primrose to marry Sir Stanley Bircham, the Squire of Whitcomb.

To her delight the two become very fond of each other, so that the announcement of their engagement is expected daily. But Helen Dale, a wonderfully beautiful girl, appears on the scene, and, to Mrs. Wood's dismay, sweeps Sir Stanley right off his feet. Mrs. Wood discovers that Sir Stanley is in love—temporarily, at any rate—with Helen, and for her daughter's sake she determines to make Helen Dale go away before it is too late.

She begs her to do this, but the girl refuses. Then Mrs. Wood tells her an amazing story of how Primrose's father went to goal for theft to save Garth Dale, Helen's father.

At first Helen refuses to believe the story, but Mrs. Wood has convincing proof of it in the form of a letter. At last the elder woman states her terms. "It is your happiness against Primrose's," she says. "Give her back her lover, and not a word of what I have told you shall ever pass my lips again. If you don't, all the world shall know your father for the thief and coward he is!"

Helen decides, after a big struggle, to sacrifice her happiness in order to save her father from disgrace. She writes a letter to Sir Stanley which gives the impression that she can never really care for him.

Mrs. Wood dies, but not before she has seen Primrose married to Sir Stanley, whose proposal was actuated chiefly by sympathy.

As the time goes by Primrose begins to realise that her husband does not really love her. Colonel Wynne, a friend of Stanley's, visits Whitcomb Court. On first seeing Primrose and before he knows who she is he falls desperately in love with her.

George West, who makes his living out of blackmail, knows the secret about Primrose's father. He visits her at Whitcomb and threatens to tell the story to Sir Stanley unless Primrose introduces him as an old friend of hers.

Primrose decides to leave Whitcomb. To her unpleasant surprise she meets West in the house of a Mrs. Tuffnell, where she has taken a room. She becomes mixed up in a gaming raid by the police.

West tries to blackmail Garth Dale and demands £5,000 as the price of his silence. There is a dramatic interview between the two men, at the end of which West shoots the other man and leaves him for dead.

"NO ONE MUST KNOW."

WHEN West crept out of Garth Dale's office, leaving him, as he believed, dead on the floor, his victim lay unconscious for hours. The bullet had passed right through his body, missing vital organs by a hair's breadth.

It was nearly midnight when Garth slowly began to come to himself. He stirred, but the movement caused him exquisite pain, and his senses began to swim again.

Very slowly recollection came to him. He wondered how long he had been lying there. A clock began to strike. One—two—three—he counted up to twelve. It must have been about half-past eight when West shot him.

Very slowly he tried to move himself. It hurt terribly, but he dragged himself to the table—only a few feet. Then he managed to get to a half-crouching position where he could reach the reading lamp. With feeble fingers he turned on the light.

Every moment his brain was getting clearer. He must have help—immediate help. But no one must know what had happened!

There must be no talk, no scandal. If he said he had been attacked, there would be a bug and

ery, a police hunt for his assailant. West might be found, and he would publish that shameful story which had been a canker in his memory, which had ruined the peace of his outwardly prosperous life.

After resting a few minutes he managed to reach the telephone. His memory for figures was one of the factors of his success. He remembered his doctor's telephone number now. Soon there came a sleepy, irritable voice at the other end of the wire.

"Yes, yes; it's I, Dr. Wilde. What is it? I've only just gone to bed. What?" The tone changed suddenly. "You, Mr. Dale. Anything serious the matter?"

Dale managed to gasp out: "I'm at my office. Come as quickly as you can. Bring bandages and stuff. I'm wounded. Tell no one. Come ring up the porter to let you in at the outer door. But tell him I phoned for you because I was faint. On no account bring him up with you."

The supreme effort Garth made to give these instructions had been too much for him, and he sank back, faint and giddy.

At last there came hurried steps along the passage outside the door, and Dr. Wilde, a small, wiry, grey-haired man, came into the room, alone.

He gave an exclamation of dismay when he saw Dale sprawled on the floor, his head supported against his writing-table.

"Great Scott! Mr. Dale, what has happened?" While he was speaking he hurried forward and knelt down by the injured man.

"I was examining my pistol, and I shot myself," Dale gasped. "But you are not to say a word as to a living soul. Give me your word of honour!"

His eyes turned to him feverishly, and Dr. Wilde nodded. His business was to quiet his patient and get on with his job.

With swift, deft fingers he cut away his coat and waistcoat, and found the hemorrhage had ceased. He quickly realised that though Mr. Dale was faint from shock and loss of blood, he had received no mortal injury. The bullet, which had passed clean through him, had made a clear passage.

In a comparatively short time, thanks to the hint Dale had given the doctor over the phone to bring dressings, the wounds were washed and sterilised.

Dale was naturally a strong man, and, with his determination fortified by the stiff dose of brandy Dr. Wilde had given him, he said, "Now I've got to get home somehow."

"I must get an ambulance and some men to carry you."

"You'll do nothing of the sort," Dale said firmly. "No one's got to know anything about this business except the people who will have to look after me. I'm going home in a taxi. The porter will get one and help me down. You can tell him I turned faint and sent for you. There's a greatcoat in the dressing-room which will cover up all these bandages."

"What did happen, Dale? You'll have to tell me, you know."

Garth looked at him steadily. "I've told you. I was examining my pistol when it went off."

"Exactly," Dr. Wilde said drily. "Only, from the position of your wounds, it is absolutely impossible for that to have occurred."

"Nevertheless, it is what happened—as far as my daughter and you are concerned. No one else need know even that. Wilde"—he laid a shaking hand on the doctor's arm—"doctors often have to be confessors. You must accept that story. There's more hangs on it than you guess."

"All right," the doctor said gruffly. "If things go right with you, I'll hold my tongue. If they don't, I'll have to tell the truth. Now the thing is to prepare your daughter and to get a taxi to take you home."

He telephoned to Helen to prepare her father's room, without rousing the servants, and then, after buttoning the overcoat round his patient, he made a bundle of his blood-stained clothes, which he stuffed into his own bag.

Then he went down to the porter and told him to get a taxi.

Arrived at Dale's house in the Bottoms, Dr. Wilde opened the door with Garth's latchkey and found Helen dressed, and quite calm and helpful, in the hall.

He whispered to her the story her father had wished him to tell and then, between them, they got him upstairs to bed.

When Garth had fallen into a deep sleep induced by exhaustion and the quieting draught Wilde had given him, Helen turned questioning anxious eyes to the doctor.

"How badly is he hurt? Tell me the truth."

"Honestly, I think not very seriously. He has lost a lot of blood, so will be very weak, and such a shock to a man of his age is bound to have some reaction. But I truly think there is no need to worry."

Helen's lips quivered. "Thank heaven. You know my father means far more to me than fathers often mean to their daughters. But I don't understand how he could have shot himself. He has always been so careful where firearms were concerned."

Dr. Wilde gave an almost imperceptible shrug of his shoulders. Helen half-opened her lips, then was silent.

"Your father is very anxious no one but you should know about his accident. He wants other people to think only turned faint when he was alone at the office. I don't see how we can keep it quiet. You will have to have a nurse."

"No," Helen said, quickly. "I can do all he wants. I am a good nurse, indeed I am. Besides, I am very strong."

"Well, that would simplify matters. We'll see how you get on. You'll have to sit up with him to-night."

"I am quite ready."

"Good. He'll sleep, I fancy, for some hours. I'll be round very early. Good-night, Miss Dale, and don't worry. I truly believe he'll pull round comparatively quickly."

TOO GREAT A RISK!

THE following morning found Garth Dale marvelously better. By the afternoon he was able to talk quite comfortably as Helen sat by his side, the book from which she had been reading aloud to him lying in her lap.

Suddenly she slipped to her knees by the bedside and pressed her cheek against the well-shaped white hand lying on the coverlet.

"Daddy, dear!" she said, using the old childish name she kept for rare occasions. "Wouldn't you like to tell me all about last night? Wouldn't it ease you?"

But Dale couldn't—yet. He could not bear to risk seeing the love in his daughter's eyes change to horror, to shame.

"Helen," he said slowly, "would you be willing to face the idea of leaving England some day for good? It couldn't be yet, for there are too many things to settle. But, say, in a year's time."

"I think I should like it," she returned slowly. "I think I should like to start in a new country."

"I am afraid, darling, that you aren't happy either?" He stroked her glorious, burnished hair tenderly.

He did not realise how that "either" gave him away!

"I don't think I am." Her eyes were misty with unshed tears.

"My poor Helen! I did so want you to have everything you wished for!"

"And you have done all you could. You have been the most wonderful father. Ever since mother died you have not let me miss her, daddy, dear!"

She clung to him, and, almost, Garth showed her all his heart.

"My darling, I have tried never to fail you. But other—people—Helen, if ever you were to find out that I was not the man you think me, would it kill your love for me?"

"No, no, a thousand times no! It's you I love. I know you can't be perfect, because no one is. Nothing would make any difference to me—nothing!"

Her eyes searched his, pleading.

But almost as the words of confession trembled on his lips Garth drew back.

He could not risk it! He could not risk seeing repulsion in those loved eyes.

"That's all right, darling. Some day, perhaps, I'll ask you for your understanding and forgiveness. Now, dear, will you write a letter for me?"

Slowly Helen rose from her knees, feeling strangely hurt and repelled. She turned away, tears for the moment blinding her sight. How useless she was!

Her life was aimless, without definite work or definite duties. With the exception of her father, no one would really miss her greatly if she were to die.

She got out her pen and writing pad, while she blinked back the tears and smoothed the signs of distress on her face.

"Yes, dear? To whom shall I write?"

"I want you to do a line to Mr. William Davies, of 2, Tarrion Court, R.C.A., and ask him to call here tomorrow morning as soon after ten as he can."

Helen paused with her pen poised in the air. "But you ought not to see a stranger, father. I am sure Doctor Wilde wouldn't allow it."

"I am not going to consult him. It is absolutely essential for me to see Mr. Davies. Please write as I direct you, dear."

Helen saw it would only excite him to oppose him, so wrote the letter.

But later on she looked up the name in the telephone directory, wondering who Mr. Davies could be, that it was so important for her father to see him at once.

She found that Mr. Davies, of 2, Tarrion Court, was designated as private detective.

"I knew there was something terrible behind his supposed accident," she said wretchedly to herself. "If only he would tell me! If only he would trust me!"

(Another long instalment to-morrow.)

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SPRING HATS—BEAUTIFYING VEILS.

LET us talk of the new spring hats and imagine spring to be only a week away. It's hard to imagine in the midst of this damp and dreariness that somewhere some people are choosing jaunty little suits of white flannel hering-boned in braid and chenille, or trimmed, very newly, with inch-wide strips of coloured galon.

ORANGE AND CHINA BLUE.

Others are selecting wide-brimmed sun hats of felt and fingered the orange embroidered silk that is to make the queer Egyptian figures adorning their afternoon frocks of china blue crepe. You have guessed, of course, that these enviable creatures are Riviera bound.

IMPORTANCE OF VEILS.

But about the early spring millinery I've already inspected! I can tell you that veils will play an important part in their scheme of decoration. Veils that are suspended from a very short back brim and hang down to the shoulders; veils that are bunched about the brim to form the softest frame the prettiest face could desire; veils that are wired and stand stiffly erect in the form of a fan at the back of a hat, and dear little nose veils of a particularly becoming blue that impart an added depth and brilliance to the eyes.

HAIR CONTROLLERS.

I hear that there is a new type of hair-net upon the market, daintily made by hand and guaranteed invisible. Its mission is to keep the coiffure in position all day or evening and it assures neatness under all conditions of weather, sports or business. These hair controllers are made in cap or fringe shapes.

It is not, strictly speaking, a novelty, for our American and Canadian sisters have been using such contrivances for a very long time past, and certainly (though we don't like admitting it) the average American girl's coiffure is a vastly neater affair than that of most English girls.

According to the most distinguished and exclusive of the Paris couturiers, red will once again, during the coming spring, play no small part in miladi's wardrobe.

DICK TURPIN CLOAKS.

Specially favoured just now in Paris are voluminous Dick Turpin-like cloaks of sealing-wax red kasha cloth, which almost entirely conceal their wearers from view. There is about them a mysterious atmosphere which leads one's thoughts to tales of Venice in the Middle Ages, that city (and period) of intrigues and counter-intrigues! There is in all the latest evening and afternoon gowns a distinct suggestion of the medieval. It manifests itself chiefly in long, tight-fitting sleeves with tiny, pointed cuffs, which have the added advantage of making the hands look smaller.

AIR OF YOUTH.

Certainly about these "moyen age" toilettes, as the French call them, there is an irresistible air of youth. And nowhere have I seen this better exemplified than in a deliciously simple little afternoon frock exhibited the other day at one of the many recent dress parades. It was of dove and grey charmeuse, the tight-fitting, pointed bodice being piped, where it joined the full skirt, with cherry red satin.

PHILLIDA.



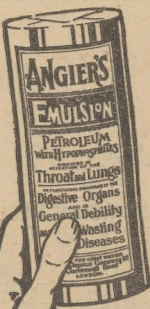
As the jumper refuses to leave you might have one of apricot coloured nixon with beading and stitching in dull gold threads.

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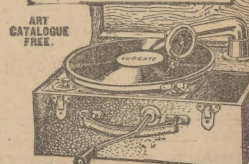
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THE "MYTH MAN."

"The charges which have already been investigated have been mere child's play compared with the matters which I will now endeavour to indicate."

So said Mr. Musket, prosecuting at Marylebone yesterday, when there was a further remand until to-day in the case of George Augustin Jennings, an unsuccessful candidate for North Paddington in the General Election, and Frank James Castelli and Austin Dockney. The principal charge against Jennings is one of forging and uttering a cheque for £1,500, Castelli and Dockney being charged in conjunction with him with conspiracy to defraud. Mr. Musket rested, having introduced considerable time in opening what he termed a second batch of charges against the prisoners.

Summarised Mr. Musket said the new charges, so far as could be seen, consisted of forging and uttering another cheque for £1,500 drawn on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank, at Bolton, not Manchester, also in the name of John Robertson, dated November 5 of last year, the other case being on November 14.

CHARGE AGAINST ACCUSED.

There would also be a charge, Mr. Musket went on, of conspiracy against the prisoners, of forging and uttering that cheque, and a general charge of conspiracy, which was also applicable to all the other charges.

"That cheque," Mr. Musket declared, "is a forgery. It is a false document. No person of the name of Robertson has an account at the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank, in the same way that no person of the same name had an account in the Manchester Branch in the case already investigated."

Mr. Musket then proceeded to deal with Castelli's explanation of the forged cheque involving the second cheque. It was that Jennings was interested in a coal product proposition and he seemed to have interested Castelli to the extent that Castelli agreed to take part in the Jennings project to the amount of £2,000. "I don't suppose he had 2,000 farthings at that time," Mr. Musket proceeded, "though he agreed to accept two bills for £500 each on account of the £2,000 in Jennings' favour."

"A MYTH, I CALL HIM."

"But as he himself says in his statement his credit was not good enough (in fact he had none) to enable Jennings to get those bills discounted, and Castelli later suggested that he knew a man of the name of Robertson who, he said, was a member of the firm of well-known tin manufacturers, and that he suggested to this man Robertson (a myth, I call him) that he should put up some money for a part interest in this coal scheme of Jennings."

"It was agreed that Robertson should then find the £2,000 for Castelli, which Castelli had promised Jennings to find in the previous June, and that he would put up that £2,000 by way of a loan."

But that came to nothing, according to Castelli's second statement, and matters lay dormant until November of last year.

"Then Castelli said that he agreed to advance Jennings £1,010, and that Robertson handed Castelli his cheque for £1,500 on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank."

"Castelli later learned that his cheque for £1,010 on the London City and Midland Bank, Tottenham Court-road, was dishonoured, and he concluded that Robertson's cheque for £1,500 had also been dishonoured."

PEER'S £1,190,000 WILL.

Earl Spencer's Bequests to Governess and Butler.

Property valued for probate at £1,197,826 was left by Earl Spencer, K.G., of Althorp Park, who was Lord Chamberlain to the Household of King Edward in 1905-10 and to King George in 1910-12.

The will, dated July 18, 1919, with six codicils, has been proved by Lord Revelstoke, G.C.V.O., Mr. George Strachan Pawle and Mr. Roderick Mackay Pest.

He appoints the funds of his marriage settlement to his children other than his son, Viscount Althorp, and he gives £14,500 in trust for each of his younger sons, and £7,000 in trust for his daughter Lady Margaret Spencer, and those of his children who are unmarried are to have the use of 28, St. James' place.

The other bequests include £100 to the Kettering Division of the Central Liberal Association, an annuity of £200 to Miss Nora Wells, governess to his children, and an annuity of £150 to his butler, F. Evans.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

By Our City Editor.

Markets showed a steady tone again in most sections, although nervousness was reflected in movements of foreign exchanges. Both stock and bond markets were weak, 44,500 and 84,250 respectively. In securities, however, there were many good spots.

San Francisco feature in mines 20c, 4c after 21c, 6d, carrying Unions up with them to 25c. Rescues 15-16, Globes 37-38, 10c, Falcons 8c. were favoured in Rhodesian. Cattle were dull 2 7/16. Rand shares were lower on Paris influences.

Argentine was favoured, home rails better generally, but foreign bonds were flat all round, French, German, Brazil and Greek issues especially. Rubbers received good support. Anglo-Dutch 35s, Suez 140, 1-16, Tambia 32s, Rubber Trusts 24s, Eagles 13-16 and Perils 4-5-16 were dull in 24s.

DOG DONATIONS.

Over £330 for Licences for
Poor Readers.

THE LUCKY THIRTEEN.

During the past week-end over £330 was received by The Daily Mirror from persons desiring that their subscriptions should be spent in purchasing dog licences for deserving cases.

The response to the publication in these columns of a few only of the pathetic cases brought to the notice was indeed both widespread and immediate.

Four hundred and thirty letters during the week-end were received, all of them containing cheques or offers of money, and in many instances these communications were from persons who are admittedly none too well off themselves.

Many of the correspondents have been touched deeply by the thought of the little children in two or three of the cases cited in our columns having to part with their pets. Indeed, they have asked that their contributions may be devoted to paying for licences in those homes where the dogs are playmates and favourites of the children.

One reader wrote enclosing a cheque for sufficient to pay for thirteen licences, giving as a reason for the number chosen the two facts that she was born on the 13th of the month and that she held a winning horse in the Derby sweepstake of 1908, when the lucky number was 131.

Many persons enclosed cheques to pay for as many as twenty licences, and the total of money received during one day alone for this admirable purpose was £123.

All the money will be handed over to the Canine Defence League, which will dispose of the donations in accordance with the senders' wishes.

MEXICAN OUTRAGES.

British Consul to Investigate Deaths
of Englishmen.

MEXICO CITY, Monday. The British Consal-General is holding an investigation regarding the deaths of Mr. Wilfrid Ewart, who was killed while standing at his hotel window, and Mr. Steabben, the victim of a street duel between two Mexican military men. General Avila has been detained in connection with the latter tragedy.—Central News.

BIG OPIUM HAUL.

Hamburg Drug Seizure from Chinese
Seamen Worth £400.

HAMBURG, Monday. The authorities here have seized on a Dutch vessel, the Garnet, opium of the value of eighteen million marks (normally £900,000, but now worth only about £400).

It was in the possession of the Chinese members of the crew.—Central News.

BLIND, DEAF AND DUMB.

Married Mutes Who Separated a
Month After Wedding.

Blackburn magistrates yesterday described as most difficult the case in which Robert Ralph, of Snig Brook, an elderly man, blind, deaf, dumb and a cripple, was summoned for desertion by his wife, also deaf and dumb.

Interdictors had to be requisitioned to secure the evidence. It transpired that the couple were married last March and separated in April.

Ralph being a blind pensioner, the Bench dismissed the summons.

LUSITANIA CLAIMS.

Germany Ready to Admit Her Full
Responsibility—Damages To Be Paid

WASHINGTON, Monday. The Mixed Claims Commission have been advised that Germany is prepared to admit full responsibility for the Lusitania disaster, and damages will be paid to claimants from the proceeds of the sale of confiscated German property.—Central News.

ARSENIC IN FOOD.

Conference of Public Analysts to
Hold Inquiry.

Arising out of the recent discovery of the unsuspected presence of arsenic in foods, the Society of Public Analysts is organising a conference, in conjunction with the Society of Chemical Industry, for January 17, on "The detection and determination of small quantities of arsenic," says the "Chemical Age."

The discussion will be conducted in private, to allow of the fullest possible expression of opinion.

MASKED BURGLAR'S FRIGHT.

A masked burglar entered the house of Mrs. May, aged 70, at Dunsant, South Wales, and demanding money levelled a revolver at her. He bolted on hearing the gate slam.

CHURCH COUGHS.

Scots Divine on Manners of
His Congregation.

SLIGHT COLD EXCUSE.

The well-known Scottish divine, the Rev. James Weatherhead of St. Paul's United Free Church, Dundee, made an innovation in the service on Sunday.

Immediately after the offering he spoke for a few minutes on church manners.

The person who coughed was said to be one of the worst and most annoying offenders. Naturally enough, the office-bearers in the vestibule talked to late comers, and this resulted in a babble resounding throughout the church.

The person who coughed was also an offender. He had not, however, any objection to a judicious cough. There might be occasions when it was necessary to clear one's throat.

It made no difference to him whether people coughed or not, but to young worshippers taught to respect the quiet reverence of a service it was disturbing.

Mr. Weatherhead added that he hoped his remarks would have the effect of keeping people who had a slight cold away from church.

SLEEPING SICKNESS.

Two Cases of New Form of Disease
in Cornwall Village.

Two deaths from encephalitis lethargica (a form of sleeping sickness) have occurred in the village of Mawnan-Smith, near Falmouth, Cornwall.

At the East Kerrier District Council the medical officer, Dr. J. Blaney, confessed that the origin of the disease was a mystery. It was not the real sleeping sickness, but very similar, and a fatal case occurred in the district a few years ago.

The Ministry of Health wrote that they knew very little about the treatment of the disease, and promised to investigate any further cases.

MYSTERY CIGARS.

Box Sent to Prison Governor To Be
Examined by Scotland Yard.

For the purpose of investigation the box of cigars received by the Governor of Holloway Prison has been forwarded to Scotland Yard.

The cigars were contained in a box used for holding cotton, and there was no indication as to the identity of the sender.

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LUNATIC WIFE TALE.

Allegations of Dark Room
and Barred Door.

HUSBAND'S DENIALS.

Remarkable allegations of a woman's imprisonment in her own home were made at Southport yesterday, when the relieving officer applied to the magistrates for an order against an elderly farmer named John Aughton for the maintenance of his wife in a lunatic asylum.

The relieving officer said the woman had been fastened in a room at the husband's house in total darkness.

The door of the room was tied with rope, and there was also a large iron bar across it.

The woman had broken a window in an attempt to get out, and a barn door had been placed across the window. She was only partly clothed.

Denying the allegations, the husband said that when the officer called his wife was preparing to go to bed.

She had the best room in the house. It was the one she preferred, and she had received every kindness.

She had been away previously for fifteen years, but he managed to get her back again. She was quite harmless.

The defendant's version was borne out by his sister and a neighbour, who said the woman on the day she was taken away was peeling potatoes and reading the parish magazine.

An order for payment was made.

DEATH ENDS SUSPICION.

Man Who Was Detained in Connection
with Daughter's Death.

"All that is ended now by his sudden death," said the Cheshire coroner yesterday, referring to suspicions concerning his fifteen-year-old daughter's death that had rested on Frederick John Miller, upon whom a verdict of Death from natural causes was returned.

In opening the case the coroner said that the father had been bound over on a charge of not providing attendance for his daughter, a young girl, when she was confined.

A serious suspicion rested upon the man with regard to the daughter's death. An inquest was held, but there was not sufficient evidence to bring any charge against him. There was, however, the question of parental responsibility.

The widow said that Miller collapsed on Friday night and died. The medical evidence was that death was due to syncope accelerated by the consumption of too much food.

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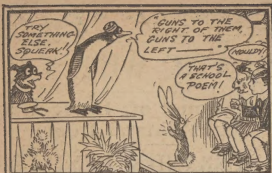
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PEOPLE IN—

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE METROPOLITAN RAILWAY

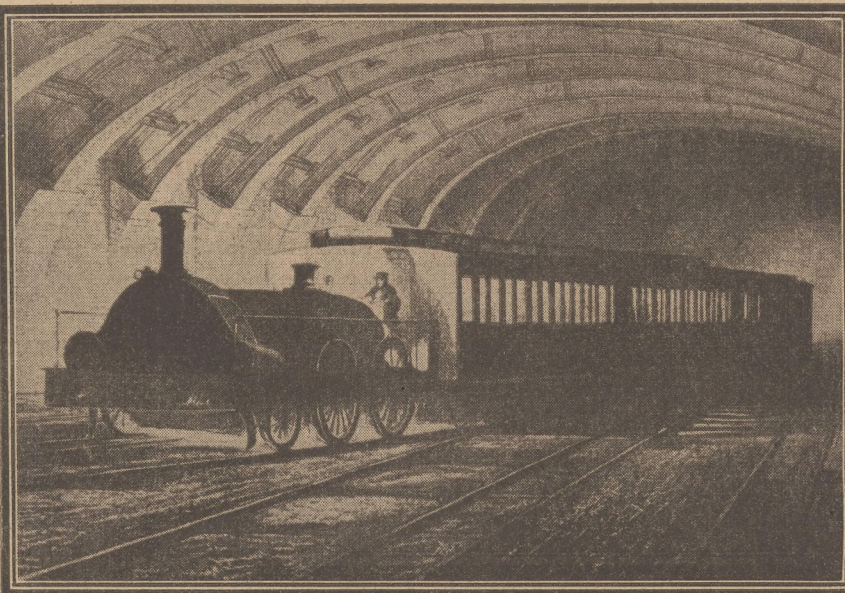
—THE NEWS



Ellen Rowlands, a servant, whose home is at Christleton, near Chester, and who has unaccountably disappeared from the house at Teddington where she was employed.



Sabhuza II, Chief of all the Swazis, in London on his arrival, yesterday from his native land for an interview with the Secretary of State for the Colonies.



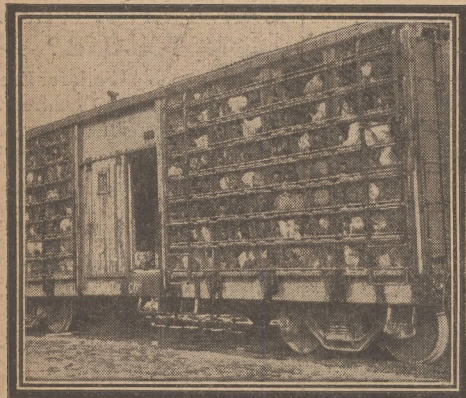
An early type of train on the Metropolitan Railway, which will celebrate its diamond jubilee to-morrow. It began with a line three miles and three-quarters long from Bishop's-road, Paddington to Farringdon-street. Its first trains were pioneers in railway enterprise, in that they were lit by gas and not by oil-lamps.



Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw (Mrs. Harry Thaw) is reported to be seriously ill with pneumonia as the result of catching a chill at a New Year revel. She has been earning her living by dancing.



Brig-Gen. Sir Hill Godfrey Morgan, who was in charge of the Forage Department throughout the war, has died at Hyeres at the age of sixty.



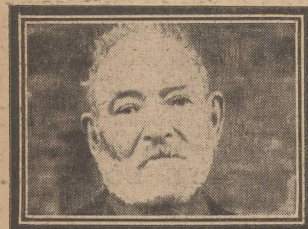
CHICKENS' PULLMAN.—One of the special carriages, each capable of containing 6,000 live birds, used to take chickens from the mid-West American States to the coast.



TRAGEDY'S TRAGIC SEQUEL.—Frederick John Miller, of Chelsea, whose death after being bound over in connection with the death of his fifteen-years-old daughter, was the subject of an inquest yesterday.



SOAPWORKERS' STRIKE.—Strikers and school children displaying placards relating to the strike at the Lambeth works of Messrs. Field, soapmakers.



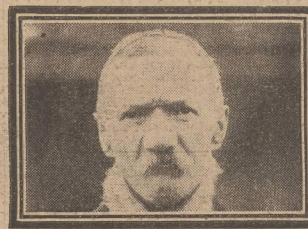
George Fernie has been a miner for more than sixty years.



James Tennis, who has to his credit sixty years' experience as a miner.



John Penman, aged eighty-three, worked in the mine for seventy years.



Alexander Campbell, another with over sixty years' mining to his credit.

MINER VETERANS.—The Fife Coal Company, in celebrating their jubilee, have given a bonus to every workman who has been twenty-five years or more in their employ. More

than a thousand miners benefit by the gift, including among them the veterans whose portraits appear above. All four started in the mines at the age of ten.